

WHITESMAN: Wycombe W. 8, Wolverton T. 1

EMERGING as Wycombe Wanderers' leading striker, Johnny Hutchinson featured in the freest goalrush Loakes Park since the destruction of Hazell's last season, second half hat-trick spanning just eight minutes from finish.

But first it took a 16-years-old substitute, in his début appearance for Wolverton Town, to shake the Blues out of the casual approach which threatened to bog them down during Saturday's F.A. Cup, 1st qualifying round formality.

Inside five minutes of his introduction, young Martin Millard's tenacious spirit had been rewarded with a goal. Unwittingly though, he sounded reveille in the Wycombe camp; and that, as far as Wolverton were concerned, was that.

Their short fling was flung, and, not before time, Wanderers really set about the visitors' sometimes pathetic defence.

The clear gap in standards was soon made painfully obvious as Wycombe went after Wolverton from the kick-off. Goalkeeper Rod Cleaver, a stalwart with over 500 appearances to his credit, rose to the occasion magnificently, but, afforded ever-deteriorating cover by his backs, stood as a man alone.

In the 13th minute, he stopped Johnny Hutchinson at point blank range only for the rebound to find Barry Baker on hand to make it 1-0.

With the taste of success still wetting his appetite, Baker almost added a second six minutes later, Cleaver making a last-second save on the line.

After 20 minutes, Wanderers went two up as Larry Pritchard headed in Hutchinson's well-flighted corner kick.

Having assisted in the first two, Hutchinson proceeded to scorn three personal chances, all generously donated by the slow-witted Wolverton defence. All thoughts of a giant kill were gone, and Wycombe played with their visitors to such an extent that they grew strangely lackadaisical.

Wycombe resumed with knives sharpened for the kill. Yet, after Wolverton had escaped three times by luck alone, Keith Searle failed to convert a 51st-minute penalty.

A 61st-minute own goal, put in by George Pittam under pressure, finally notched Wanderer's third.

Three minutes later, Wolverton, realising they had nothing to lose, pulled Hill out from the back line to allow Millard on.

Clearly the impetus he brought to the visitors' play temporarily rocked Wycombe. Twice he led the Wolves into scoring positions, and on the third thrust, headed home Atterbury's cross in the 69th minute.

But, with their defence disorganised even further and hopeless clearances finding an opponent each time, Wolverton's last sign of resistance vanished as . . .

70th minute: A deflection of Searle's shot went in off keeper Cleaver.

73rd minute: Cleaver foiled Searle's attempt for another, but Hutchinson backed up to make it 5-1.

78th minute: A penetrating upfield pass by Geoff Anthony was taken by Hutchinson, who made yards of ground before ramming in perhaps the goal of the match from outside the area.

80th minute: Hutchinson moved in again to make up for his first-half misses by picking his spot for the seventh.

86th minute: Tony Horseman, who had come on as substitute for Pritchard, nipped the ball past Cleaver after Anthony's pass and split Wolverton

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: M. Millard, P. Fuschi, K. Baker, G. Pittam, J. O'Dellany, B. Baker, G. Anthony, L. Pritchard (sub), A. Horseman, K. Searle, B. Bremer, J. Hutchinson.

WOLVERTON TOWN: R. Cleaver, G. Pittam, M. Hill (sub), M. Millard, J. Keachington, D. Field, P. Bissell, B. Atterbury, B. Smith, P. Edwards, D. King, P. Mansfield.

Referee: D. J. Watts (Oxford).

Goalscorers: W. W. (7), B. Baker.



Wolverton's overworked goalkeeper, Rod Cleaver, tips this Wycombe attack over the bar on Saturday.